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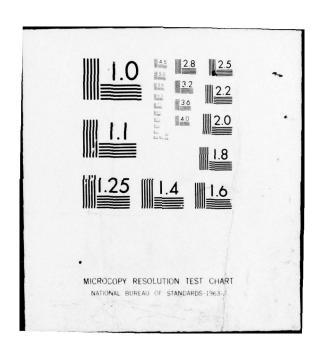






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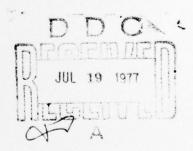
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During the contract period major advances along several related lines of research were made.

The polyhedral expansion reaction of carboranes was extended to 8, 9, 10 and 11 vertex species yielding the respective 9, 10, 11 and 12 vertex metallocarboranes of both cobalt and iron. This reaction was also useful in producing bimetallic metallocarboranes. Bimetallic and trimetallic metallocarboranes were also produced in the expansion of monometallocarboranes. 3,4,5,6

The reaction of nucleophiles with metallocarboranes produced high yields of novel Lewis base adducts of <u>nido</u> metallocarboranes. Thermal reactions of metallocarboranes, including migration of cobalt and carbon atoms 8,9 and thermal metal transfer reactions 10,11 were thoroughly explored and general rules governing these reactions were proposed. In addition, electron counting rules for metallocarboranes were proposed, 12 defining electronic considerations for stable <u>closo</u> and <u>nido</u> species.

X-ray diffraction studies of several important metallocarboranes were performed confirming proposed structures for these species. 13,14,15



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